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ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Surgient Networks, Inc. (the "Assignee"), being incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business 8303 North Mopac, Suite C-300, Austin, Texas 78759-8374, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to (1) any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No. 09/879,848 which has been filed on June 12, 2001 and is entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING DIFFERENTIATED BUSINESS SERVICES IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENTS," (2) such application and all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; and (3) any and all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such applications in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

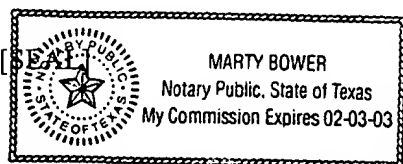
(Signature): Neal D. Hartsell Date: 9/5/01
Neal D. Hartsell

State of Texas)

County of Tarrant

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of September, 2001, personally appeared Neal D. Hartsell, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Marty Bower
Notary or Consular Officer



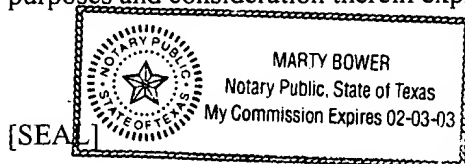
(Signature): Robert B. Fernander
Robert B. Fernander

Date: 9-5-01

State of Texas)

County of Travis)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of September, 2001, personally appeared Robert B. Fernander, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.



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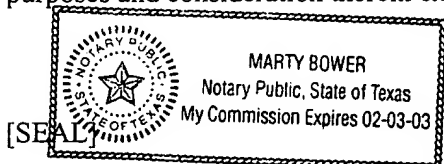
(Signature): Gregory J. Jackson
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Date: 9/5/01

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County of Travis)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of September, 2001, personally appeared Gregory J. Jackson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.



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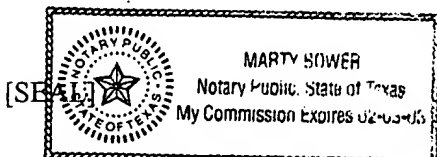
(Signature): Scott C. Johnson
Scott C. Johnson

Date: 9-5-2001

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of September, 2001, personally appeared Scott C. Johnson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.



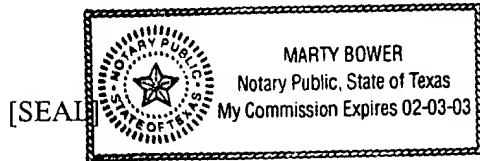
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(Signature): Chaoxin C. Qiu Date: 9/5/2001
Chaoxin C. Qiu

State of Texas)

County of Travis)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of September, 2001, personally appeared Chaoxin C. Qiu, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.



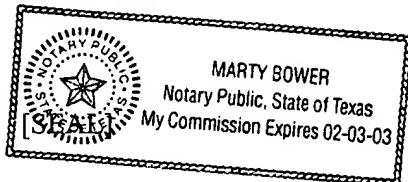
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(Signature): Roger K. Richter Date: 9/5/2001
Roger K. Richter

State of Texas)

County of Travis)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of September, 2001, personally appeared Roger K. Richter, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.



Marty Bower
Notary or Consular Officer